

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The floor in a network-based instant connect communication session is managed such that a mobile device user can cause voice data to be transmitted to a remote party without the remote party giving consent to relinquishing the floor. As the remote party holds the floor, the mobile device user presses a talk button on the mobile device, which generates a floor request signal, resulting in the floor being transferred to the mobile device. The mobile device user, who now has the floor, can cause the voice data to be sent to the remote device. In this manner, the mobile device user can interrupt or spontaneously respond to the remote party without waiting for the remote party to relinquish the floor. This facilitates comfortable two-way communication in a network-based instant connect communication session. In an alternate method, the two-way communication is established by transitioning the network-based instant connect communication session from its original half-duplex communication channel to a full-duplex channel.

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